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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES BY THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE UNITED NATIONS

Report of the Third (Programme and Coordination) Committee

1. The Third (Programme and Coordination) Committee considered the question of the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (agenda item 13) at its 13th to 15th, 17th and 18th meetings, on 19, 22 and 24 July 1991. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (A/46/229);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (A/46/204-E/1991/80 and Add.1);

(c) Report of the President of the Economic and Social Council on consultations held with the Acting Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the Chairman of the Special Committee against Apartheid (E/1991/116).

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2. At its 13th and 14th meetings, the Committee held a general discussion on the item.

3. At the 13th meeting, on 19 July, it heard introductory statements by the representative of the Acting Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and by the Vice-Chairman of the Special Committee against Apartheid.

4. At the same meeting, statments were made by the representatives of Thailand, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Algeria, China, Jordan, Bahrain, the Syrian Arab Republic and the observer for Egypt. The observer for Palestine made a statement. Statements were also made by the representatives of the World Health Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the United Nations Development Programme.

5. Also at the same meeting, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee made a statement.

6. At the 14th meeting on 19 July, the representative of Zambia made a statement.

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7. At the 17th meeting, on 24 July, the representative of Zambia on behalf of Algeria, the Bahamas, Cuba, 1/ Ghana, 1/ Indonesia, Iraq, Jamaica, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, 1/ Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, 1/ the Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Uganda 1/ and Zambia, introduced a draft resolution (E/1991/C.3/L.11) entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations".

8. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the representative of the Acting Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

9. At the 18th meeting, on 24 July, the Chairman of the Committee read out revisions to the draft resolution, which had been agreed upon during information consultations.

10. Also at the 18th meeting, the representative of Zambia made a statement.

1/ In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

11. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, by a roll-call vote of 47 to none, with 1 abstention (see para. 17 below, draft resolution I). The voting was as follows: 2/

In favour: Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Peru, Romania, Somalia, Spain, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United States of America, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: None.

Abstaining: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

12. After the draft resolution was adopted, statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community), the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Zambia, Austria, Czechoslovakia and Sweden.

Assistance to the Palestinian people

13. At the 15th meeting, on 22 July, the representative of Morocco, on behalf of Algeria, Cuba, 1/ Egypt, 1/ Indonesia, Iraq, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, 1/ Morocco, Pakistan, the Sudan, 1/ Tunisia, Yemen 1/ and Zambia, introduced a draft resolution (E/1991/C.3/L.8) entitled "Assistance to the Palestinian people".

14. At the 18th meeting, on 24 July, the Committee adopted the draft resolution by 48 votes to 1, with 1 abstention (see para. 17 below, draft resolution II).

15. After the draft resolution was adopted, the representatives of the Netherlands (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community), Finland, Austria, Jordan, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Sweden and Czechoslovakia made statements.

16. The observer for Palestine also made a statement.

2/ The delegations of Yugoslavia and Rwanda subsequently indicated that, had they been present during the voting, they would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE THIRD (PROGRAMME AND COORDINATION) COMMITTEE

17. The Third (Programme and Coordination) Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

The Economic and Social Council,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General 3/ and the report of the President of the Economic and Social Council 4/ concerning the question of the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations,

Having heard the statements made by the representative of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and by the Vice-Chairman of the Special Committee against Apartheid,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and all other resolutions adopted by United Nations bodies on the subject, including in particular Assembly resolution 45/18 of 20 November 1990 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/60 of 26 July 1990,

Reaffirming the responsibility of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to take all effective measures, within their respective spheres of competence, to assist in the full and speedy implementation of the Declaration and other relevant resolutions of the United Nations bodies,

Also recalling General Assembly resolution S-16/1 of 14 December 1989, containing the Declaration on Apartheid and its Destructive Consequences in Southern Africa,

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3/ A/46/229.

4/ E/1991/116.

Recognizing that permanent peace and stability in southern Africa can only be achieved when the system of apartheid in South Africa has been eradicated and South Africa has been transformed into a united, democratic and non-racial country, and reiterating, therefore, that all the necessary measures should be adopted at the present time to bring a speedy end to the apartheid system in the interest of all the people of southern Africa, the African continent and the world at large,

Deeply concerned that the objectives of the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples have not been fully achieved,

Bearing in mind the extremely fragile economies of the small island Territories and their vulnerability to natural disasters, such as hurricanes and cyclones, and recalling relevant General Assembly resolutions,

Bearing in mind the conclusions and recommendations of the Meeting of Governmental Experts of Island Developing Countries and Donor Countries and Organizations, held in New York from 25 to 29 June 1990, 5/

Noting with appreciation that assistance has continued to be extended to refugees from southern Africa through the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,

1. Takes note of the report of the President of the Economic and Social Council, 4/ and endorses the observations and suggestions contained therein;

2. Takes note also of the report of the Secretary-General; 3/

3. Reaffirms that the recognition by the General Assembly, the Security Council and other United Nations organs of the legitimacy of the aspiration of colonial peoples to exercise their right to self-determination and independence entails, as a corollary, the extension by the organizations of the United Nations system of all the necessary moral and material assistance to those peoples;

4. Expresses its appreciation to those specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system that have continued to cooperate in varying forms and degrees with the United Nations and the regional organizations concerned in the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies, and urges all the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to contribute to the full and speedy implementation of the relevant provisions of those resolutions;

5. Recommends that all States intensify their efforts in the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to ensure the full and effective implementation of the Declaration and other related resolutions of the United Nations system;

5/ See A/CONF.147/5-TD/B/AC.46/4.

6. Requests the specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations to strengthen existing measures of support and formulate additional programmes of assistance to the remaining Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories within the framework of their respective mandates;

7. Requests the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, as well as international and regional organizations, to take appropriate measures within their spheres of competence in order to accelerate progress in the economic and social sectors of those Territories;

8. Requests the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, in formulating their assistance programmes, to take due account of the text entitled "Challenges and opportunities: A strategic framework", which was adopted unanimously by the Meeting of Governmental Experts of Island Developing Countries and Donor Countries and Organizations; 6/

9. Welcomes the continued initiative exercised by the United Nations Development Programme in maintaining close liaison among the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, and in coordinating the activities of the specialized agencies in extending effective assistance to the peoples of colonial Territories, and calls upon the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, as a matter of urgency, to contribute generously to the relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts in the Non-Self-Governing Territories affected by natural disasters;

10. Urges the administering Powers concerned to facilitate the participation of the representatives of the Governments of Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories at the relevant meetings and conferences of the agencies and organizations so that the Territories may draw the maximum benefits from the related activities of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system;

11. Urges the governing bodies of those specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system that have not already done so to include in the agenda of their regular sessions a separate item on the progress made and action to be taken by their organizations in the implementation of the Declaration and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies;

12. Urges the executive heads of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to formulate, with the active cooperation of the regional organizations concerned, concrete proposals for the full implementation of the relevant United Nations resolutions and to submit the proposals as a matter of priority to their governing and legislative organs;

6/ Ibid., chap. II.

13. Urges the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to adhere to the Programme of Action contained in the Declaration on Apartheid and its Destructive Consequences in Southern Africa, in particular with regard to increased support for the opponents of apartheid, the use of concerted and effective measures aimed at applying pressure to ensure a speedy end to apartheid and ensuring the non-relaxation of existing measures to encourage the South African regime to eradicate apartheid until there is clear evidence of profound and irreversible changes;

14. Stresses in the context of the Declaration on Apartheid and its Destructive Consequences in Southern Africa, the need for the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to render all possible assistance to the front-line and neighbouring States to enable them to rebuild their economies, which have been adversely affected by South Africa's acts of aggression and destabilization, to withstand any further such acts and to continue to support the people of South Africa;

15. Draws the attention of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to the present resolution and to the discussion held on the subject at the second regular session of 1991 of the Economic and Social Council;

16. Requests the President of the Economic and Social Council to continue to maintain close contact on these matters with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and to report thereon to the Council;

17. Also requests the President of the Council to maintain contact with the Chairman of the Special Committee against Apartheid, which is the focal point for the international campaign against apartheid, and to report thereon to the Council as appropriate;

18. Requests the Secretary-General to follow the implementation of the present resolution, with particular attention to coordination and integration arrangements for maximizing the efficiency of the assistance activities undertaken by various organizations of the United Nations system, and to report thereon to the Council at its regular session of 1992;

19. Decides to keep these questions under continuous review.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Assistance to the Palestinian people

The Economic and Social Council recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"Assistance to the Palestinian people

"The General Assembly

"Recalling its resolution 45/183 of 21 December 1990,

"Taking into account the intifada of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory against the Israeli occupation, including Israeli economic and social policies and practices,

"Rejecting Israeli restrictions on external economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory,

"Concerned about the economic losses of the Palestinian people as a result of the Gulf crisis,

"Aware of the increasing need to provide economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people,

"Affirming that the Palestinian people cannot develop their national economy as long as the Israeli occupation persists,

"1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people; 7/

"2. Expresses its appreciation to the States, United Nations bodies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that have provided assistance to the Palestinian people;

"3. Requests the international community, the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to sustain and increase their assistance to the Palestinian people, in close cooperation with the Palestine Liberation Organization, taking into account the economic losses of the Palestinian people as a result of the Gulf crisis;

"4. Calls for treatment on a transit basis of Palestinian exports and imports passing through neighbouring ports and points of exit and entry;

"5. Also calls for the granting of trade concessions and concrete preferential measures for Palestinian exports on the basis of Palestinian certificates of origin;

"6. Further calls for the immediate lifting of Israeli restrictions and obstacles hindering the implementation of assistance projects by the United Nations Development Programme, other United Nations bodies and others providing economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory;

7/ A/46/204-E/1991/80 and Add.1.

"7. Reiterates its call for the implementation of development projects in the occupied Palestinian territory, including the projects mentioned in its resolution 39/223 of 18 December 1984;

"8. Calls for facilitation of the establishment of Palestinian development banks in the occupied Palestinian territory, with a view to promoting investment, production, employment and income therein;

"9. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution."

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PROGRAMME AND RELATED QUESTIONS

A. PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1992-1993

B. CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

Report of the Third (Programme and Coordination) Committee

1. The Third (Programme and Coordination) Committee considered programme and related questions (agenda item 14) at its 6th, 7th and 18th meetings, on 15, 16 and 24 July 1991. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 (A/46/6, sections 11 to 30); 1/

(b) Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its thirty-first session (A/46/16 and Add.1); 2/

1/ For the final text, see Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No.6 (A/46/6/Rev.1).

2/ For the final text, see Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No.16.

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(c) Letter dated 17 June 1991 from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences to the President of the Economic and Social Council (E/1991/108);

(d) Note by the Secretariat on the Sixth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names (E/1991/118);

(e) Provisional calendar of conferences and meetings for 1992 and 1993 in the economic, social and related fields (E/1991/L.25 and Corr.1 and Corr.1/Rev.1).

2. At the 6th and 7th meetings, the Committee held a general discussion on the item.

3. At the 6th meeting, on 15 July, introductory statements were made by the Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, the Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division of the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Finance, and the representative of the Office for Political and General Assembly Affairs and Secretariat Services.

4. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Austria, the Netherlands (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community), the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the observer for Norway (on behalf of the Nordic countries).

5. At the 7th meeting, on 16 July, statements were made by the representatives of Austria, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, France, Cameroon, Brazil, the Bahamas, Mexico, the United States of America and the observer for Uganda.

Calendar of conferences

6. The Committee considered the calendar of conferences (agenda item 14 (b)) at its 18th meeting, on 24 July 1991.

7. At the 18th meeting, the Committee was informed of a letter addressed to the Secretary of the Council by the representative of the Republic of Cyprus to the second regular session of the Economic and Social Council regarding the venue of the Sixth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names.

Calendar of conferences and meetings for 1992 and 1993

8. At the 18th meeting, on 24 July, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the Council that it approve the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1992 and 1993 (see para. 13 below, draft decision I).

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Summary records of sessional committees and subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council

9. At the 18th meeting, on 24 July, the Chairman of the Committee made a statement.

10. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Finland, France, Algeria and the observer for Uganda.

11. Also at the same meeting, the Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

12. At the 18th meeting, on 24 July, following a statement by the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the Council that (a) it discontinue for a further period of one year, from 1992, summary records for its sessional committees and certain subsidiary bodies and (b) it review the question of summary records of all its subsidiary bodies at its regular session of 1992 (see para. 13 below, draft decision II).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE THIRD (PROGRAMME AND COORDINATION) COMMITTEE

13. The Third (Programme and Coordination) Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

DRAFT DECISION I

Calendar of conferences and meetings for 1992 and 1993

The Economic and Social Council approves the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1992 and 1993.

DRAFT DECISION II

Summary records of sessional committees and subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council, recalling its resolutions 1979/69 of 2 August 1979 and 1981/83 of 24 July 1981 and its decisions 1983/184 of 29 July 1983, 1985/200 of 26 July 1985, 1987/179 of 8 July 1987 and 1989/174 of 26 July 1989, (a) decides to discontinue for a further period of one year, from 1992, summary records for its sessional committees and for the following subsidiary bodies:

Commission for Social Development;
Commission on the Status of Women;
Commission on Narcotic Drugs;
Economic Commission for Europe;
Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific;
Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean;

Economic Commission for Africa;
Committee on non-Governmental Organizations;
Committee on Natural Resources;
Committee for Programme and Coordination;
Committee on Transnational Corporations;

and (b) decides to review the question of summary records of all its subsidiary bodies at its regular session of 1992.

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INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR NATURAL DISASTER REDUCTION

Report of the Third (Programme and Coordination) Committee

1. The Third (Programme and Coordination) Committee considered the question of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (agenda item 15) at its 1st to 5th, 12th and 17th meetings, from 8 to 11 and on 18 and 24 July 1991. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (A/46/266-E/1991/106).

2. At the 1st to 5th meetings, the Committee held a general discussion on the item in conjunction with items 12, 16 (c), 17 and 18. At the 1st meeting, on 8 July, the Committee heard introductory statements by the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator, the Associate Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the representative of the Joint Inspection Unit.

3. Also at the 1st meeting, statements were made by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Assistant Executive Director of the World Food Programme and the representative of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund.

4. At the 2nd meeting, on 9 July, the Committee heard an introductory statement by the representative of the secretariat of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction.

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5. At the same meeting, the Committee heard an oral report by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Emergency and Relief Operations in the Sudan concerning the implementation of the emergency and relief operations in that country, including Operation Lifeline Sudan. An oral report was also made by the United Nations Special Coordinator for Emergency Relief Operations in Somalia.

6. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community), Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries), the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Canada, Somalia and the Bahamas and the observers for the Sudan and Ethiopia. The representative of the World Meteorological Organization also made a statement.

7. At the 3rd meeting, on 10 July, statements were made by the representatives of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Argentina, Yugoslavia, Peru, Chile, Pakistan and Algeria and the observers for Australia and Djibouti.

8. At the same meeting, the representatives of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the World Health Organization made statements. The observer for the International Organization for Migration made a statement. A statement was also made by the observer for the International Committee of the Red Cross, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Council, category II.

9. At the 4th meeting, on 11 July, statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, China, Brazil, Austria, the United States of America, Japan, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Morocco and the observers for Switzerland, Cuba and Egypt.

10. At the 5th meeting, on 11 July, statements were made by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic and the observers for Yemen and Senegal.

11. At the same meeting, the Chairman of the Committee summarized the general discussion on items 12, 15, 16 (c), 17 and 18.

12. Also at the same meeting, the representative of Chile proposed that the Chairman's summary be annexed to the report of the Council submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session.

13. Statements in support of that proposal were made by the representatives of Brazil, Somalia and the Netherlands (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community) and the observer for Ghana (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77).

14. The Committee then decided to recommend to the Council that the text of the Chairman's summary of the general discussion on items 12, 15, 16 (c), 17 and 18 be annexed to the report of the Council submitted to the

General Assembly at its forty-sixth session (for the text of the decision, see the report of the Committee on item 18 (E/1991/139), para. 22, draft decision I).

International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

15. At the 12th meeting, on 18 July, the observer for Ghana, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and Japan, introduced a draft resolution (E/1991/C.3/L.3) entitled "International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction", which read as follows:

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Recalling General Assembly resolutions 42/169 of 9 December 1987, 43/202 of 20 December 1988, 44/236 of 22 December 1989 and 45/185 of 21 December 1990,

"Recalling its resolution 1989/99 of 26 July 1989,

"Reaffirming the important responsibility of the United Nations system as a whole for promoting international cooperation in order to address and mitigate natural disasters, provide assistance and coordinate disaster relief, preparedness and prevention,

"Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (E/1991/106),

"Taking note also of the relevant conclusions of the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its thirty-first session, in particular those contained in chapter 30 of its report (A/46/16),

"1. Takes note of the report of the Scientific and Technical Committee of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction on the work of its first session, held in Bonn from 4 to 8 March 1991 and the recommendations included therein (IDNDR/STC/1991/8);

"2. Notes the establishment of the Trust Fund for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction and appeals to the international community, in particular to donor countries, for adequate financial contributions to the Fund in order to carry out the activities of the Decade;

"3. Reaffirms General Assembly resolution 45/185 and stresses the need for the full implementation of its provisions relating, inter alia, to the completion of the organizational arrangements, in particular the establishment of the Special High-level Council and the celebration of the International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction on 9 October 1991, as well as the provisions contained in paragraphs 4 and 5 of the resolution."

16. At the 17th meeting, on 24 July, the representative of Morocco, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and Japan, introduced a revised draft resolution (E/1991/C.3/L.3/Rev.1).

17. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the revised draft resolution (see para. 19 below).

18. After the adoption of the revised draft resolution, the representative of Morocco made a statement.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE THIRD (PROGRAMME AND COORDINATION) COMMITTEE

19. The Third (Programme and Coordination) Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 42/169 of 9 December 1987, 43/202 of 20 December 1988, 44/236 of 22 December 1989 and 45/185 of 21 December 1990,

Recalling its resolution 1989/99 of 26 July 1989,

Reaffirming the important responsibility of the United Nations system as a whole for promoting international cooperation in order to address and mitigate natural disasters, provide assistance and coordinate disaster relief, preparedness and prevention,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, 1/

Taking note also of the relevant conclusions reached by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its thirty-first session, in particular those contained in paragraphs 366 to 369 of its report, 2/

Noting the particular vulnerability of developing countries to natural disasters,

Welcoming the progress made in this area, in particular the first session of the Scientific and Technical Committee of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, held in Bonn from 4 to 8 March 1991,

Noting the progress achieved in the working relationship between the secretariat of the Decade, the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator and the Office of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation, in accordance with relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 45/185, and stressing the need to continue to cooperate closely,

Noting the expectations and high interest expressed by Member States in the activities envisaged under the Decade,

1. Takes note of the report of the Scientific and Technical Committee of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction on the work of its first session; 3/

2. Notes the establishment of the Trust Fund for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction and appeals to the international community, in particular to donor countries, for adequate financial contributions to the Fund in order to carry out the activities of the Decade;

3. Reaffirms General Assembly resolution 45/185 and stresses the need for the full implementation of its provisions relating, inter alia, to the completion of the organizational arrangements, in particular the establishment of the Special High-level Council and the observation of the International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction on 9 October 1991.

Notes

1/ E/1991/106.

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/46/16).

3/ IDNDR/STC/1991/8.

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DISASTER REDUCTION AND RELIEF

Report of the Third (Programme and Coordination) Committee

I. DISASTER RELIEF COORDINATION (sub-item (c))

1. The Third (Programme and Coordination) Committee considered the question of disaster relief coordination (agenda item 16 (c)) at its 1st to 5th, 8th, 10th, 12th and 13th meetings, from 8 to 11 and 16 to 19 July 1991. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General pursuant to General Assembly resolution 45/221;

(b) Note by the Secretary-General on strengthening the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator (E/1991/121).

2. At the 1st to 5th meetings, the Committee held a general discussion on item 16 (c) in conjunction with items 12, 15, 17 and 18.

3. At the 1st meeting, on 8 July, the Committee heard introductory statements by the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator, the Associate Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the representative of the Joint Inspection Unit.

4. Also at the 1st meeting, statements were made by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Assistant Executive Director of the World Food Programme and the representative of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund.

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5. At the 2nd meeting, on 9 July, the Committee heard an introductory statement by the representative of the secretariat of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee heard an oral report by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Emergency and Relief Operations in the Sudan concerning the implementation of the emergency and relief operations in that country, including Operation Lifeline Sudan. An oral report was also made by the United Nations Special Coordinator for Emergency Relief Operations in Somalia.

7. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community), Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries), the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Canada, Somalia and the Bahamas and the observers for the Sudan and Ethiopia. The representative of the World Meteorological Organization also made a statement.

8. At the 3rd meeting, on 10 July, statements were made by the representatives of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Argentina, Yugoslavia, Peru, Chile, Pakistan and Algeria and the observers for Australia and Djibouti.

9. At the same meeting, the representatives of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the World Health Organization made statements. The observer for the International Organization for Migration made a statement. A statement was also made by the observer for the International Committee of the Red Cross, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Council, category II.

10. At the 4th meeting, on 11 July, statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, China, Brazil, Austria, the United States of America, Japan, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Morocco and the observers for Switzerland, Cuba and Egypt.

11. At the 5th meeting, on 11 July, statements were made by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic and the observers for Yemen and Senegal.

12. At the same meeting, the Chairman of the Committee summarized the general discussion on items 12, 15, 16 (c), 17 and 18.

13. Also at the same meeting, the representative of Chile proposed that the Chairman's summary be annexed to the report of the Council submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session.

14. Statements in support of that proposal were made by the representatives of Brazil, Somalia and the Netherlands (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community) and the observer for Ghana (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77).

15. The Committee then decided to recommend to the Council that the text of the Chairman's summary of the general discussion on items 12, 15, 16 (c), 17 and 18 be annexed to the report of the Council submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session (for the text of the decision, see the report of the Committee on item 18 (E/1991/139), para. 22, draft decision I).

II. FIGHT AGAINST THE SCREW-WORM INFESTATION (sub-item (a))

INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST LOCUST AND GRASSHOPPER INFESTATION, PARTICULARLY IN AFRICA (sub-item (b))

16. The Third (Programme and Coordination) Committee considered the questions of the fight against the screw-worm infestation (agenda item 16 (a)) and the international strategy for the fight against locust and grasshopper infestation, particularly in Africa (agenda item 16 (b)) at its 14th, 15th and 17th meetings, on 19, 22 and 24 July 1991. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on the screw-worm infestation and efforts undertaken to eradicate it (E/1991/62);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on the implementation of the international strategy for the fight against locust and grasshopper infestation, particularly in Africa (E/1991/63);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the note by the International Fund for Agricultural Development on the screw-worm infestation and efforts undertaken to eradicate it (E/1991/113).

17. At the 14th meeting, on 19 July, the Committee heard an introductory statement by the representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

18. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representative of Algeria and the observer for the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

Fight against the screw-worm infestation

19. At the 15th meeting, on 22 July, the observer for the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, on behalf of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya 1/ and Senegal 1/ (on behalf of the African States), introduced a draft resolution (E/1991/C.3/L.9) entitled "Fight against the screw-worm infestation".

20. At the 17th meeting, on 24 July, the Committee adopted the draft resolution (see para. 22 below, draft resolution).

Implementation of the international strategy for the fight against locust and grasshopper infestation, particularly in Africa

21. At the 17th meeting, on 24 July, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the Council that it take note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on the implementation of the international strategy for the fight against locust and grasshopper infestation, particularly in Africa (E/1991/63) (see para. 23 below, draft decision).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE THIRD (PROGRAMME AND COORDINATION) COMMITTEE

22. The Third (Programme and Coordination) Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Fight against the screw-worm infestation

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1990/61 of 26 July 1990, in which, inter alia, it recognized the potential devastating effects of the screw-worm infestation on people, livestock and wildlife and the adverse socio-economic consequences thereof,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 45/207 of 21 December 1990, in which, inter alia, the General Assembly urged the international community to give full support to action to eradicate the screw-worm fly, particularly in Africa, and welcomed the support already provided by donors to the collaboration between the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the International Fund for Agricultural Development on the eradication programme,

Noting with satisfaction the gratifying results of the pilot programme in virtually eradicating the screw-worm menace in the target area and restricting its spread into new areas,

Noting that the large-scale programme for the eradication of the screw-worm fly from North Africa, executed by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, with the support of the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the United Nations Development Programme, the affected countries and other donors, is in an advanced stage as evidenced by the confinement of the parasite to the originally infested zone and the currently low number of cases within this area,

Noting also that the objectives of the screw-worm eradication programme are to eliminate economic losses in the livestock sector, to remove an immense threat to the bio-diversity of the continent and to reduce the potential for

human suffering through the use of an environmentally sound and sustainable method, namely the Sterile Insect Technique, to eradicate the screw-worm,

1. Takes note of the report of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations 2/ and the note by the International Fund for Agricultural Development; 3/

2. Welcomes the prompt responses by the International Fund for Agricultural Development in initiating the regional pilot biological control programme for the New World Screw-worm in North Africa and by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in establishing the Screw-worm Emergency Centre for North Africa for the execution of the pilot and subsequent programmes, the technical support extended by the International Atomic Energy Agency and the financial support extended by the African Development Bank and the United Nations Development Programme;

3. Notes with satisfaction the progress achieved thus far through the eradication programme;

4. Expresses appreciation to the Governments concerned as well as to the World Bank, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the Islamic Development Bank, the African Development Bank, the United Nations Development Programme and the Fund for International Development of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries for their financial support for the full-scale eradication phase;

5. Requests the concerned Governments and organizations to continue to monitor the situation closely and to take appropriate further measures to bring about the complete eradication of the screw-worm in Africa;

6. Urges funding agencies and the donor community to continue to support the eradication programme to ensure its successful completion;

7. Commends this joint effort against the screw-worm as an effective demonstration of the potential of multilateral cooperation to meet a common global environmental challenge;

8. Invites the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, in cooperation with the International Fund for Agricultural Development, to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its regular session of 1992 an up-to-date report on the screw-worm eradication programme.

23. The Third (Programme and Coordination) Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

Implementation of the international strategy for the fight against locust and grasshopper infestation, particularly in Africa

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the Food

and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on the implementation of the international strategy for the fight against locust and grasshopper infestation, particularly in Africa. 4/

Notes

1/ In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

2/ E/1991/62, annex.

3/ E/1991/113, annex.

4/ E/1991/63.

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SPECIAL ECONOMIC AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

Report of the Third (Programme and Coordination) Committee

1. The Third (Programme and Coordination) Committee considered the question of special economic and humanitarian assistance (agenda item 17) at its 1st to 5th, 8th, 10th, 12th and 13th meetings, on 8 to 11 and 16 to 19 July 1991.

2. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General on assistance for the reconstruction and development of Yemen (A/46/217-E/1991/94).

3. At the 1st to 5th meetings, the Committee held a general discussion on the item in conjunction with items 12, 15, 16 (c) and 18.

4. At the 1st meeting, on 8 July, the Committee heard introductory statements by the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator, the Associate Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the representative of the Joint Inspection Unit.

5. Also at the 1st meeting, statements were made by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Assistant Executive Director of the World Food Programme and the representative of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund.

6. At the 2nd meeting, on 9 July, the Committee heard an introductory statement by the representative of the secretariat of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction.

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7. At the same meeting, the Committee heard an oral report by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Emergency and Relief Operations in the Sudan concerning the implementation of the emergency and relief operations in that country, including Operation Lifeline Sudan. An oral report was also made by the United Nations Special Coordinator for Emergency Relief Operations in Somalia.

8. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community), Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries), the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Canada, Somalia and the Bahamas and the observers for the Sudan and Ethiopia. The representative of the World Meteorological Organization also made a statement.

9. At the 3rd meeting, on 10 July, statements were made by the representatives of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Argentina, Yugoslavia, Peru, Chile, Pakistan and Algeria and the observers for Australia and Djibouti.

10. At the same meeting, the representatives of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the World Health Organization made statements. The observer for the International Organization for Migration made a statement. A statement was also made by the observer for the International Committee of the Red Cross, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Council, category II.

11. At the 4th meeting, on 11 July, statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, China, Brazil, Austria, the United States of America, Japan, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Morocco and the observers for Switzerland, Cuba and Egypt.

12. At the 5th meeting, on 11 July, statements were made by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic and the observers for Yemen and Senegal.

13. At the same meeting, the Chairman of the Committee summarized the general discussion on items 12, 15, 16 (c), 17 and 18.

14. Also at the same meeting, the representative of Chile proposed that the Chairman's summary be annexed to the report of the Council to be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session.

15. Statements in support of that proposal were made by the representatives of Brazil, Somalia and the Netherlands (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community) and the observer for Ghana (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77).

16. The Committee then decided to recommend to the Council that the text of the Chairman's summary of the general discussion on items 12, 15, 16 (c), 17 and 18 be annexed to the report of the Council submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session (for the text of the decision, see E/1991/139, para. 22, draft decision I).

Critical humanitarian situation in the Horn of Africa

17. At the 8th meeting, on 16 July, the representative of Somalia, on behalf of Canada, China, Egypt, 1/ Ethiopia, 1/ Japan, Kenya, Somalia, Sudan 1/ and the United States of America, introduced a draft resolution (E/1991/C.3/L.1) entitled "Critical humanitarian situation in the Horn of Africa", which read as follows:

"Critical humanitarian situation in the Horn of Africa

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Recalling General Assembly resolutions 45/154, 45/157, 45/160 and 45/161 of 18 December 1990,

"Deeply concerned about the critical condition of millions of people threatened by famine and civil strife and the massive number of refugees and displaced persons in the Horn of Africa,

"Bearing in mind the appeals made by the Secretary-General at the twenty-seventh regular session of the Conference of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, held at Abuja from 3 to 5 June 1991, and at the opening of the second regular session of 1991 of the Economic and Social Council, on 3 July, in which he invited the international community to give prompt attention to the impending catastrophic situation that obtained in the Horn of Africa and called for the mobilization of additional resources to help the countries concerned to cope with the critical humanitarian situation,

"Being particularly aware that there is a link between emergency aid, rehabilitation and development and that the existence of refugees and displaced persons poses a heavy burden on the social and economic infrastructures of the countries concerned,

"Taking into account the serious implications of the existing situation for the development prospects of the countries concerned and the imperative need for a coordinated approach by the United Nations system as a whole,

"1. Expresses its gratitude to the Secretary-General for his initiative in sending an inter-agency mission to the Horn of Africa in order to assess the emergency humanitarian assistance for the affected countries and for his untiring efforts to alert the international community to the critical situation existing in the region and the need to mobilize additional resources;

"2. Appeals to the international community and to intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to respond generously and promptly to the Secretary-General's appeals to meet the urgent needs already identified in the report of the inter-agency mission;

"3. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution."

18. At the 13th meeting, on 19 July, the representative of Somalia introduced a revised draft resolution (E/1991/C.3/L.1/Rev.1). Subsequently, Austria, Rwanda and Senegal 1/ joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

19. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the revised draft resolution (see para. 26 below, draft resolution I).

Assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon

20. At the 10th meeting, on 17 July, the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, on behalf of Algeria, Bahrain, Belgium, 1/ Egypt, 1/ France, Greece, 1/ Iraq, Italy, Jordan, Kuwait, 1/ Lebanon, 1/ the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, 1/ Morocco, Qatar, 1/ the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, introduced a draft resolution (E/1991/C.3/L.4) entitled "Assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon". Subsequently, Spain joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

21. At the 13th meeting, on 19 July, the Secretary of the Committee read out the following revisions to the draft resolution, which had been agreed upon during informal consultations:

(a) In operative paragraph 1, the word "mobilize" was replaced by the word "provide";

(b) In operative paragraph 2, the word "second" before the words "regular session" was deleted.

22. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised (see para. 26 below, draft resolution II).

Assistance to the Republic of Yemen

23. At the 10th meeting, on 17 July, the representative of Algeria, on behalf also of the Sudan, 1/ Viet Nam 1/ and Yemen, 1/ introduced a draft resolution (E/1991/C.3/L.5) entitled "Assistance to the Republic of Yemen". Subsequently, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, 1/ Morocco, Pakistan, the Syrian Arab Republic and Zambia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

24. At the 13th meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution (see para. 26 below, draft resolution III).

Emergency and relief operations

25. At the 18th meeting, on 24 July, the Committee, on the proposal of the Chairman, decided to recommend to the Council that it take note of (a) the oral report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for

Emergency and Relief Operations in the Sudan, including Operation Lifeline Sudan, and (b) the oral report of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Emergency Relief Operations in Somalia (see para. 27 below, draft decision).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE THIRD (PROGRAMME AND COORDINATION) COMMITTEE

26. The Third (Programme and Coordination) Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Critical humanitarian situation in the Horn of Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 45/154, 45/157, 45/160 and 45/161 of 18 December 1990,

Deeply concerned about the critical condition of millions of people threatened by famine, ill-health and civil strife, and equally concerned about the massive number of refugees and displaced persons in the Horn of Africa,

Bearing in mind the appeals made by the Secretary-General at the twenty-seventh ordinary session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, held at Abuja from 3 to 5 June 1991, and at the opening of the second regular session of 1991 of the Economic and Social Council, on 3 July, in which he invited the international community to give prompt attention to the impending catastrophic situation that threatens in the Horn of Africa and called for the mobilization of additional resources to help the countries concerned to cope with the critical humanitarian situation,

Being particularly aware that there is a link between emergency aid, rehabilitation and development and that the existence of refugees and displaced persons poses a heavy burden on the social and economic infrastructures of the countries concerned,

Taking into account the serious implications of the existing situation for the development prospects of the countries concerned and the imperative need for a coordinated approach by the United Nations system as a whole,

1. Expresses its gratitude to the Secretary-General for his initiative in sending an inter-agency mission to the Horn of Africa in order to assess the emergency humanitarian assistance for the affected countries and for his untiring efforts to alert the international community to the critical situation existing in the region and the need to mobilize additional resources;

2. Appeals to the international community and to intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to respond generously and promptly to the Secretary-General's appeals to meet the urgent needs already identified in the report of the inter-agency mission;

3. Appeals to all the parties in the Horn of Africa to contribute constructively to the current processes of national reconciliation and regional cooperation and to the negotiating efforts in this direction;

4. Calls upon Governments and other parties concerned in the affected countries, given the particular circumstances prevailing in those countries, to allow full access to, and protection of the international relief and development organizations and agencies, as well as the non-governmental organizations concerned, and also to facilitate their efforts to provide humanitarian assistance to refugees and internally displaced persons;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 45/225 of 21 December 1990 and the previous resolutions of the General Assembly concerning international assistance for the reconstruction of Lebanon, in which the Assembly called upon the specialized agencies and other organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to intensify their programmes of assistance and to expand them in response to the pressing needs of Lebanon,

Aware of the deteriorating socio-economic conditions of the people of Lebanon and the magnitude of their unmet needs,

Noting with deep concern the unprecedented inflation in Lebanon in recent years and the catastrophic decline in the value of the Lebanese pound,

1. Calls on all Member States and all organizations of the United Nations system to continue and intensify their efforts to provide all possible assistance for the Government of Lebanon in its reconstruction and development efforts, in accordance with the relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Council at its regular session of 1992 a report on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Assistance to the Republic of Yemen

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on assistance for the reconstruction and development of Yemen, 2/

Noting that, in his report, the Secretary-General emphasized that the continuous assistance and support of the international community to the Government of the Republic of Yemen remain essential and imperative and that the General Assembly had called upon States and governmental and international non-governmental organizations to extend their assistance in support of the national efforts to improve the economic and social infrastructure of Yemen,

Taking into consideration the resolutions of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and international organizations and specialized agencies in this regard, in particular after the unification of the Republic of Yemen, which is one of the least developed countries, and with a view to enabling the Republic of Yemen to shoulder the burdens placed upon it as a result of the country's unification and recent events and to implement its development plans and programmes,

1. Urges the international community to continue to respond to United Nations resolutions concerning assistance to the Republic of Yemen in order to enable it to formulate and implement short- and long-term rehabilitation and reconstruction programmes and shoulder the burdens placed upon it by recent events, which have prevented the Republic of Yemen from continuing to formulate and implement its economic and social plans;

2. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his endeavours and requests him to continue to coordinate the activities of United Nations organizations with a view to assisting the Republic of Yemen in the mobilization of its resources, the implementation of its reconstruction and development programmes and the reintegration of its socio-economic institutions and structures, and to report thereon to the Council at its regular session of 1992.

27. The Third (Programme and Coordination) Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

Emergency and relief operations

The Economic and Social Council takes note of (a) the oral report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Emergency and Relief Operations in the Sudan, including Operation Lifeline Sudan, and (b) the oral report of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Emergency Relief Operations in Somalia.

Notes

1/ In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

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REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

Report of the Third (Programme and Coordination) Committee

1. The Third (Programme and Coordination) Committee considered the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (agenda item 18) at its 1st to 5th, 8th and 13th meetings, from 8 to 11 and on 16 and 19 July 1991. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (E/1991/65);

(b) Note verbale dated 23 May 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Hungary to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/1991/101 and Corr.1).

2. At the 1st to 5th meetings, the Committee held a general discussion on the item in conjunction with items 12, 15, 16 (c) and 17.

3. At the 1st meeting, on 8 July, the Committee heard introductory statements by the Director General for Development and International Economic Cooperation, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator, the Associate Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the representative of the Joint Inspection Unit.

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4. Also at the 1st meeting, statements were made by the Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and Assistant Executive Director or the World Food Programme and the representative of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund.

5. At the 2nd meeting, on 9 July, the Committee heard an introductory statement by the representative of the secretariat of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee heard an oral report by the Special Rapporteur of the Secretary-General for Emergency the Relief Operations in the Sudan concerning the implementation of the emergency and relief operations in that country, including Operation Lifeline Sudan. An oral report was also made by the United Nations Special Coordinator for Emergency Relief Operations in Somalia.

7. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community), Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries), the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Canada, Somalia and the Bahamas and the observers for the Sudan and Ethiopia. The representative of the World Meteorological Organization also made a statement.

8. At the 3rd meeting, on 10 July, statements were made by the representatives of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Argentina, Yugoslavia, Peru, Chile, Pakistan and Algeria and the observers for Australia and Djibouti.

9. At the same meeting, the representatives of the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization and the World Health Organization made statements. The observer for the International Organization for Migration made a statement. A statement was also made by the observer for the International Committee of the Red Cross, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Council, category II.

10. At the 4th meeting, on 11 July, statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, China, Brazil, Austria, the United States of America, Japan, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Morocco and the observers for Switzerland, Cuba and Egypt.

11. At the 5th meeting, on 11 July, statements were made by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic and the observers for Yemen and Senegal.

Response of the United Nations to emergencies

12. At the 5th meeting, on 11 July, the Chairman of the Committee summarized the general discussion on items 12, 15, 16 (c), 17 and 18.

13. At the same meeting, the representative of Chile proposed that the Chairman's summary be annexed to the report of the Council submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session.

14. Statements in support of that proposal were made by the representatives of Brazil, Somalia and the Netherlands (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community) and the observer for Ghana (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77).

15. The Committee then decided to recommend to the Council that the text of the Chairman's summary of the general discussion on items 12, 15, 16 (c), 17 and 18 be annexed to the report of the Council submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session (see para. 22 below, draft decision I).

Enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

16. At the 8th meeting, on 16 July, the observer for Hungary, on behalf of Austria, Canada, Ethiopia and Hungary 1/ introduced a draft resolution (E/1991/C.3/L.2) entitled "Enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees".

17. At the 13th meeting, on 19 July, the observer for Ethiopia made a statement.

18. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Committee made a statement. Statements were also made by the representative of Chile, the observer for Ethiopia and the Chairman of the Committee.

19. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution (see para. 21 below).

20. At the 18th meeting, on 24 July, the Committee, on the proposal of the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Vasile Gâlgau (Romania), decided to recommend to the Council that it take note of the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (E/1991/65) (see para. 22 below, draft decision II).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE THIRD (PROGRAMME AND COORDINATION) COMMITTEE

21. The Third (Programme and Coordination) Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1166 (XII) of 26 November 1957, in which the Assembly provided for the establishment of an Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and Assembly resolutions 1958 (XVIII) of 12 December 1963, 2294 (XXII) of 11 December 1967, 36/121 D of

10 December 1981, 42/130 of 7 December 1987 and 45/138 of 14 December 1990, in which the Assembly provided for increases in the membership of the Executive Committee,

Taking into account its resolution 1991/1 of 23 May 1991, in which it recommended that the General Assembly take a decision at its forty-sixth session on the question of increasing the membership of the Executive Committee from 44 to 45 States,

Taking note of the note verbale dated 23 May 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Hungary to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General regarding the enlargement of the Executive Committee, 2/

Recommends that the General Assembly take a decision at its forty-sixth session on the question of increasing the membership of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees from 44 to 46 States.

22. The Third (Programme and Coordination) Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

DRAFT DECISION I

Response of the United Nations to emergencies

The Economic and Social Council decides to annex to its report submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session the text of the summary of the Chairman of the Third (Programme and Coordination) Committee on the general discussion held by the Committee on agenda items 12, 15, 16 (c), 17 and 18.

DRAFT DECISION II

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. 3/

Notes

1/ In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

2/ E/1991/101 and Corr.1.

3/ E/1991/65.